Seizure by Customs Officials

1270. DR. BAPU KALDATE.
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the seizure by customs officials at the international airports in the country have shown rise in the smuggling of mobile phones into the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Mobile phones have started coming only after the recent introduction of Mobile Phone services. Therefore seizure figures can not show any trend towards rise in smuggling.

(b) The details of seizure during the year 1995-96 upto 31.1.1996 are. given below:—

No. of telephones seized	No. of cases	Value of seized Mobile Telephones (Rs. in lacs)	No. of persons arrested
1418	45	293.36	13

(c) Anti-smuggling agencies are alert to defect and prevent smuggling including smuggling of mobile phones. Sophisticated equipments such as baggage X-Ray machines and metal detectors are being used, in addition to developing' specific intelligence in this regard.

Programme for Surplus Power Production

1271. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has since been drawn up to make our country surplus in power; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) Planning for power generation is a continuing exercise. For the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997—2002), as per the studies carried out by the Government, the feasible capacity addition programme has been assessed as 56783 MW subject to the availability of essential inputs including funds. It has been estimated that during the terminal year of Ninth Plan, the country would be able to meet the energy requirement and marginal peaking shortage would be about 2%.

Rise in import bills of Petroleum Prodcuts due to rupee devaluation

1272. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether the rupee devaluation has resulted into rise in import bill of petroleum products by about Rs. 5,000 crores besides increasing the prices of other consumer items like colour television etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DE-BIPROSAD PAL): The cumulative impact of variations in the exchange rate of the rupee in relation to the US dollar, on the import bill of petroleum products would be known only the end of the financial year 1995-96 when the actual price of curde oil and related products imported, and exchange rates applicable at the time of payments for these imports are worked out for the full year. This is so, because the exchange rate of the rupee has been fluctuating boths way, i.e depreciating and appreciating, vis-a-vis the dollar and other currencies during the last six months. With regard to the prices

of other consumer items, exchange rate changes do effect the prices of commodities which are import intensive. However, the producers can, to some extent absorb part of the import cost without changing the prices.

Outstanding Dues

1273. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outstanding amount to be recovered by nationalised banks from loans below rupees one lakh given by them;

(b) the number of defaulters;

(c) what is the outstanding amount to be recovered from loans of rupees 50 lakhs;

(d) the number of such defaulters; and

(e) the State-wise statement of such defaulters and dues outstanding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign Nationals Convicted for Drug Trafficking

1274. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise number of apprehended foreign nationals involved in drug trafficking during the last three years;

(b) what is the State-wise number of foreign nationals convicted for drug trafficking during the same period; and

(c) whether Government have deported the foreign nationals having completed their term of imprisonment, if so, the number of such deportees during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) As per available information, a Statement showing State-wise number of foreign nationals arrested under NDPS Act during the last three years is given in the Statement-I (See below).

(b) The total number of persons convicted in various States during the last three years is given in the Statement-II (See below).

No separate statistics regarding foreign nationals convicted in various States are maintained.

(c) The powers to deport foreigners from India have been delegated to the State Governments/UTs. No such data is maintained centrally.

Statement-I

States/Uts	1993	1994	1995 (Provisional)
ANDHRA PRADESH	7	___	_____
ANDAMAN & NIKOBAR	—	1	—
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	4	—	—
ASSAM	3	6	—
BIHAR	2	—	—
CHANDIGARH	4	3	3
DADAR NAGAR HAVELI	—	—	—
DELHI	7	24	11